

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An at least partially transparent container {10} for use as an aquarium, herbarium, terrarium, vivarium or the like, the container {10} ~~being characterized therein that it constitutes~~ comprising:

a building unit ~~which is adapted for engaging complementarily shaped containers{10} so as to form a display arrangement; the container {10} further being characterised therein that it includes~~

a substantially continuous interior surface defining a chamber for housing fish and/or plants and/or animal or insect matter and/or decorative or ornamental matter;

radiused corner zones {20} between interior surfaces of neighboring walls of the container{10} ; and

at least one salable aperture extending through a wall of the container {10} for permitting access to the fish and/or plants and/or animal or insect matter and/or decorative or ornamental matter within the container {10}.

2. (Currently amended) The container {10} according to claim 1, ~~characterised therein that wherein~~ the container {10} is a substantially square or rectangular container{10} comprising two substantially parallel sidewalls {12}, two opposing substantially parallel end walls {14}, and two parallel walls defining a floor {16} and roof wall {18} respectively of the container {10}.

3. (Currently amended) The container {10} according to claim 1, ~~characterised therein that wherein~~ the container {10} is a hollow, transparent glass brick dimensioned to engage similar glass bricks so as to form a display arrangement, such as a glass wall{19}.

4. (Currently amended) The container {10} according to claim 1, ~~characterised therein that wherein~~ the container {10} includes a tight-fitting plug {24} for sealing the aperture, the plug {24} being manufactured from any one of cork, wood, rubber, glass or the like.

5. (Currently amended) An aquarium, herbarium, terrarium or vivarium comprising fish and/or plants and/or animal or insect matter and/or decorative or ornamental matter, the aquarium, herbarium, terrarium or vivarium being characterized therein that it is arranged within a hollow at least partially transparent container {10} which is characterised therein that it includes a substantially continuous interior surface and radiused corner zones {20} between interior surfaces of neighboring walls of the container {10}; and at least one aperture extending through a wall of the container for permitting access to the animal and/or plant and/or insect matter and/or fish and/or decorative, ornamental or the like matter within the container {10}.

6. (Currently amended) A temporarily self-sustaining terrarium characterized therein that it is arranged within a hollow glass brick {10} which includes a substantially continuous interior surface and radiused corner zones {20} between interior surfaces of neighboring walls of the brick; and at least one aperture extending through a wall of the glass brick {10} or permitting access to contents within the brick; the terrarium further being characterised therein that it includes a first drainage layer comprising a mixture of approximately 50% charcoal and 50% river sand {26}.

7. (Currently amended) The terrarium according to claim 6, ~~characterised therein that~~ wherein it includes a second layer {28} for supporting plant material therein, the second layer comprising either a mixture of approximately 55% potting soil and 45% river sand for desert-type plants, or a mixture of approximately 80% potting soil and 20% peatmoss for forest-type plants.

8. (Currently amended) A method of producing a temporarily self-sustaining terrarium that is arranged within an at least partially transparent container {10}, the method comprising the steps of:

introducing a first drainage soil layer {26} comprising a mixture of approximately 50% charcoal and 50% river sand into the container {10} and leveling the drainage layer;

introducing a second soil layer {28} comprising either a mixture of approximately 55% potting soil and 45% river sand for desert-type plants, or a mixture of approximately 80%

potting soil and 20% peatmoss for forest-type plants into the container {10} and leveling the soil layer;

sterilizing the soil mixtures by subjecting the container {10} to microwave treatment so as to remove potentially unwanted bacteria; sealing the container {10} and allowing the same to cool;

and introducing plant material into the container {10} and sealing the container {10} so as to create an ecosystem within which the plant material can grow in the absence of added oxygen or water.

9. (Currently amended) A display arrangement comprising a series of containers {10}, wherein each container {10} includes fish and/or plants and/or animal or insect matter and/or decorative or ornamental matter, and wherein each container {10} includes a substantially continuous interior surface and radiused corner zones {20} between interior surfaces of neighboring walls of the container {10}; and at least one aperture extending through a wall of the container {10} for permitting access to contents within the container {10}.

10. (Currently amended) A wall structure {19} comprising a series of containers {10}, wherein each container {10} includes fish and/or plants and/or animal or insect matter and/or decorative or ornamental matter, and wherein each container {10} includes a substantially continuous interior surface and radiused corner zones between interior surfaces of neighboring walls of the container {10}; and at least one aperture extending through a wall of the container {10} for permitting access to contents within the container {10}.

11. (Currently amended) The wall structure {19} according to claim 10, characterised ~~therein that~~ wherein the wall structure is a glass wall comprising a series of hollow glass bricks {10} wherein each brick includes fish and/or plant sand/or animal or insect matter and/or decorative or ornamental matter.

12. (Currently amended) Furniture incorporating therein one or more of an aquarium, herbarium, terrarium or vivarium comprising fish and/or plants and/or animal or insect matter

and/or decorative or ornamental matter wherein the aquarium, herbarium, terrarium or vivarium is arranged within a hollow glass brick {+0}.

13-18. (Cancelled)